the indefinite strike of lawyers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of matrimonnial cases pending in the courts for more than four years; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export Processing Zones

3817. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) the areas of activities of Export Proessing Zones functioning in the country zone-wise seprately,

(b) the performance of these zones during the last three years, seprately ;

(c) whether any such Zones are proposed to be set up in Utter Pardesh in near future to promote export orinted products of hill districts of the State ; and

(d) the details of units set up in the Noida Export Processing Zone and the steps taken to make this Zone more viable and competitive to International standards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There are six Export Processing Zones Functioning in the country at Kandla, Bombay, Madras, Cochin, Noida, Falta. The seventh Zone at Visakhapatnam is under implementation. While the Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone, Bombay is meant exclusively for electronics and jewellery items, the other are multi-product zones.

(b) The export performance pf the Zones during the last 3 years is as below:-

Years	*Exports (Rs. Crores)*
1988-89	516.52
1989-90	732.08
1990-91	982.72

(c) There is no proposal at present to set up another Zone in the State .

(d)At present 60 units in operation in the Noida Export Processing Zone and another 39 units are under various stages of implementation.

In order to make the Zone units more viable and competitive and meet international requirements, Government have recently announced a package for 100% Export Oriented Units and units in the EPZs as part of the new Trade Policy. This includes a revised procedure of application and processing of preposals under the two Schemes, delegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals/Administrative Ministeries to Development Commissioners of Export Processing Zones for 100% EOUs and EPZ units and certain procedural simplifications. Besides, the facility of Exim Scrips and International Price Reimbursement Scheme for supply of Iron and Steel have also been extended to these units.

India's Point Of View During GATT Negotations

3818.SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHNDURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether US has extended the deadline for conclusion of special 301 provisions against India , if so , the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(b) India's point of view during GATT negotiations held recently in Geneva and its impact on Indo-US trade relations ;

(c) whether US has shown any reaction on India's stand in the said summit, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of trade related investment

measures taken by Government recently and their implications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) On 26th November,1991, the United States Trade Repersentative announced the decision to extend the deadline of investigations against India under the Special 301 provisions of the U.S. Trade Legislation by three moths upto 26th February ,1992 on account of the compexity of the issues involved . Government has noted the decision but does not consider it necessary to comment on an executive action taken under a law of the United States.

(b) and (c). The Uruguay Round Negotiations are in progress at Geneva. Various proposals on the issues under negotiation are still being considered and There is no finality about them. there is no immediate impact on Indo-US trade relations.

(d) The new Industrial Policy was announced on 24th July, 1991. Various Measures to attract foreign direct investment are outlined in the policy . Government also decided to discontinue the system of phased manufacturing programmes for new projects. Subsequently this decision was applied to existting projects as well . At the same time, it was decided that the Reserve Bank Of India would monitor the payment of dividends inrespect of foreign investment to ensuree that outflows on account of dividend payments are balanced by export earnings over a period of time.

Top Twenty Income Tax Assessees

3819. SHRI RAJNATH SONKKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of top twenty income tax assessees during the last three years;

(b) the number of individual income tax assessees declaring income above Rs. 5 lakh during that period;

(c) whether some of the individuals who paid huge amounts on income tax have been felicitated recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) how many of these individual were subjected to enquries and searches for alleged concealing of taxes in the recent past;

(f) the names of the major defaulters of income tax and the action taken or proposed to be taken against them; and

(g) the details of steps taken to unearth the undeclared income by the assessees and to tone up the department and its rules to plug all loopholes relating to concealment and evasion of taxes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The information for the assessment year1988-89 has not been completed. The names of top 20 income- tax assessees, ranked in the order of their returned income (annualised) for the assessment year 1989-90 are as under:-

Sl. No .	*Name of Assessee*
1.	Life Insurance Corporation of India , Bombay.
2.	Oil & Natural Gas Commission Dehradun .
3.	Indian Oil Corpration Limited, Bombay.
4.	Mahangar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi.
5.	Oil India Limited, Calcutta.